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**Amendment D**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 3 April 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

**Specification:**

Page 5, line 25, change "consisely" to "--concisely--"

**Claims:**

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 81 to 100, as follows.

81. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and
- b. a connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger;

characterized in that said blocking means performs an additional function.

82. The passive safety mechanism of claim 81 wherein said triggerbar is rotatable about a pivot.